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Re: Hilliard for Congress Committee and Elvira W. Williams, Treasurer
Investigation
Matter: MUR 5281

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing this letter in response to your letter dated July 5, 2002 and the subsequent letter from Kim C. Stevenson dated July 26, 2002 granting an extension of time to respond.

I have been retained by the Hilliard for Congress Committee and its treasurer, Ms. Elvira W. Williams in reference to the above investigation. I have conferred with my clients and reviewed the information forwarded by your office.

Pursuant to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, I hereby formally offer in writing, on behalf of my clients, the following.

1. Neither The Hilliard for Congress Committee nor its treasurer, Ms. Elvira W. Williams, were contacted by the American Muslim Council or the Palestine Media Watch in reference to the placing of advertisements regarding Congressman Hilliard's campaign on the internet or in any format for the media.
2. Neither The Hilliard for Congress Committee nor its treasurer, Ms. Elvira W. Williams were made aware of the contents of said advertisements prior to their being placed on the internet or other media publications.
3. Neither The Hilliard for Congress Committee nor its treasurer, Ms. Elvira W. Williams consented to the placing of advertisements regarding Congressman Hilliard's campaign, specifically, the solicitation of funds by said organizations

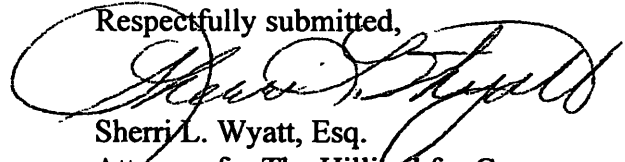
in an effort to help Congressman Hilliard's federal election campaign;

4. Neither The Hilliard for Congress Committee nor its treasurer, Ms. Elvira W. Williams is affiliated with the "votehilliard.org." or has been at any time in the past, knows what person or persons paid for said advertisements or has any information regarding the manner in which it solicits funds; and
5. Any solicitation or expenditures of funds by either the American Muslim Council or the Palestine Media Watch were made without the cooperation, prior consent of, in consultation with, or at the request or suggestion of The Hilliard for Congress Committee or its treasurer, Ms. Elvira W. Williams.

As such, The Hilliard for Congress Committee and Ms. Elvira W. Williams, as treasurer, contend that there were no violations on either of their parts, jointly or individually, of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

Dated: August 12, 2002

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for The Hilliard for Congress
Committee and
Elvira W. Williams, Treasurer